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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICATION OF) RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
ROBERT A. PYLES ET AL) EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
SERIAL NUMBER: 10/733,657) EXAMINING GROUP NO.: 1791
FILED: DECEMBER 11, 2003) EXAMINER: MATTHEW J. DANIELS
TITLE: METHOD OF TREATING A) CONFIRMATION NO.: 2177
PLASTIC ARTICLE)

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This response is filed in reply to the Final Office Action mailed September 4, 2008 in the above-captioned matter and setting a three (3) month shortened statutory period for reply up to and including December 4, 2008. Applicants respectfully request entry of the instant amendment as it is filed in an effort to present the claims in better form for consideration or appeal.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.